

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 944

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Keith Urban upon his tenth anniversary as a member of the Grand Ole Opry.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those gifted artists who have experienced great success in the world of country music; and

WHEREAS, Keith Urban, one of the most recognizable voices on country radio, will celebrate his tenth anniversary as a member of the Grand Ole Opry on April 21, 2022; and

WHEREAS, born in Whangarei, New Zealand, and raised in Australia, Keith Urban moved to Nashville in 1992; and

WHEREAS, his first American album came as a member of The Ranch in 1997, which he soon followed up with an increasingly accomplished string of platinum and multi-platinum-selling solo albums. Keith Urban's hits include "But For The Grace Of God," "Somebody Like You," "Who Wouldn't Wanna Be Me," "You'll Think Of Me," "Days Go By," "Making Memories Of Us," "Better Life," "Sweet Thing," "Put You In A Song," "Cop Car," and "Raise 'Em Up"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Urban has sold more than 15 million albums, been named radio's most-played country artist, and won praise the world over with his electrifying sold-out concerts that have taken him from Australia to Germany, Canada to England, and, of course, the United States; and

WHEREAS, Keith Urban has been honored with multiple Grammy Awards, Country Music Association Awards, and Academy of Country Music Awards, as well as a People's Choice Award and an American Music Award; his remarkable musical gifts have also brought him to places where country superstars have rarely gone before, including appearances on *Live 8* with Alicia Keys, a powerful rendition of "Lean on Me" alongside Kid Rock and Sheryl Crow on

the *Hope for Haiti* telethon, and his two *CMT Crossroads* tapings, the first with John Fogerty and the second with John Mayer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Urban's philanthropic work knows no boundaries, as he has remained highly active with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, appeared on numerous telethons and benefit concerts for cause-related issues, and even established the annual All For The Hall concerts, which have collectively raised \$1.5 million for the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2012, Keith Urban was inducted into the Grand Ole Opry, and he considers it one of the highest honors of his career; and

WHEREAS, it is the dream of every country music artist to be a member of the Grand Ole Opry and perform on the stage of the Grand Ole Opry House, and it is most fitting that Keith Urban be recognized on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and recognize Keith Urban upon his tenth anniversary as a member of the Grand Ole Opry, commend his illustrious career in country music, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.